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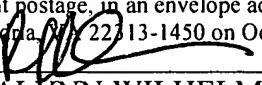
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With regard to the above-identified application, the items of information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 are brought to the attention of the Examiner. Copies of any foreign patent documents or "Other Documents" are enclosed. Please note that some of the references listed on the FORM 1449 were cited in an International Search Report dated May 31, 2005. A copy is enclosed.

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.97, this statement is being filed (CHECK ONE):

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- The Examiner is hereby advised of the following co-pending U.S. applications. A copy of each U.S. patent application publication (if published) or application (if not published) is enclosed.

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A concise explanation of the relevance of each non-English language document or other information is as follows (37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(3)):

References WO 03/043071 and US 2005/0064709 correspond with JP 2003-218074.  
References WO 91/14538 and US 5,257,478 correspond with JP 2003-303794.  
References US 2004/0055223 and US 2006/0148391 correspond with JP 2003-305635.  
References EP 658,401 and US 5,564,965 correspond with JP 07-164307.

An English abstract has been provided for the following references:

JP 2003-218074	JP 2003-124161	JP 2003-303794
JP 2003-305635	JP 2002-059357	JP 07-164307

No representation is made that a reference is "prior art" within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. §§ 102 and 103 and Applicants reserve the right, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.131 or otherwise, to establish that the reference(s) are not "prior art." Moreover, Applicants do not represent that a reference has been thoroughly reviewed or that any relevance of any portion of a reference is intended.

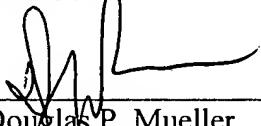
Consideration of the items listed is respectfully requested. Pursuant to the provisions of M.P.E.P. 609, it is requested that the Examiner return a copy of the attached Form 1449, marked as being considered and initialed by the Examiner, to the undersigned with the next official communication.

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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS						
EXAMINER INITIAL	DOCUMENT NO.	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUBCLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE
	US 2005/0064709	March 2005	SHIMOMURA et al.			
	US 5,257,478	November 1993	HYDE et al.			
	US 2004/0055223	March 2004	ONO et al.			
	US 2006/0148391	July 2006	ONO et al.			
	US 5,564,965	October 1996	TANAKA et al.			

## FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

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	JP 2003-218074	July 2003	JAPAN			Abstract	
	JP 2003-124161	April 2003	JAPAN			Abstract	
	JP 2003-303794	October 2003	JAPAN			Abstract	
	WO 03/043071	May 2003	WIPO			See IDS	
	WO 91 14538	October 1991	WIPO			See IDS	
	JP 2003-305635	October 2003	JAPAN			Abstract	
	JP 2002-059357	February 2002	JAPAN			Abstract	
	JP 07-164307	June 1995	JAPAN			Abstract	
	EP 0658401	July 1995	EPO			See IDS	

## OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

		International Search Report for International Publication No. PCT/JP2005/002785 dated May 31, 2005.
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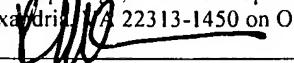


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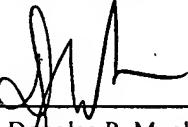
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The following papers are transmitted herewith:

- Transmittal Sheet in duplicate containing Certificate of Mailing
- Information Disclosure Statement, Form 1449, 9 references
- International Search Report dated May 31, 2005.
- Preliminary Amendment
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